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1 1. A communication method in which a caller uses a telephone system and the Internet to
2 transmit an electronic message to at least one electronic address of an intended recipient,
3 the method comprising:
4 (a) said caller dialing a telephone number via the telephone system for connecting
5 to a central computer;
6 (b) said central computer comparing an intended recipient identifier with data
7 corresponding to a plurality of subscribers;
8 (c) said caller inputting a communication code into the central computer via the
9 telephone system;
10 (d) said central computer constructing an electronic message addressed to at least
11 one electronic address of the intended recipient, said electronic message
12 containing information corresponding to the communication code; and

13 (e) said central computer transmitting the electronic message over the Internet to
14 said at least one electronic address of the intended recipient.

1 2. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of said caller
10² inputting said intended recipient identifier into the central computer via the telephone
3 system.

1 3. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the information corresponding to the
2 communication code further comprises a telephone number of the caller.

1 4. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the information corresponding to the
2 communication code further comprises a plurality of alphanumeric characters.

1 5. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the step of inputting said intended
15² recipient identifier further comprises manually contacting at least one button on a
3 telephone.

16³ 6. The method in accordance with claim 2, wherein the step of inputting said intended
2 recipient identifier further comprises projecting sound waves into a telephone.

1 7. The method in accordance with claim 6, wherein the step of projecting sound waves
2 further comprises speaking.

1 8. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said intended recipient identifier is
2 transmitted to said central computer when the caller dials said telephone number.

1 9. The method in accordance with claim 8, wherein the information corresponding to the
2 communication code further comprises a telephone number of the caller.

1 10. The method in accordance with claim 8, wherein the information corresponding to
2 the communication code further comprises a plurality of alphanumeric characters.

1 11. The method in accordance with claim 8, wherein the step of inputting a
2 communication code further comprises confirming a possible communication code.

1 12. The method in accordance with claim 11, further comprising the step of the central
2 computer prompting the caller to contact manually at least one telephone button to
3 confirm that the possible communication code audibly communicated to the caller is the
4 communication code.

1 13. The method in accordance with claim 11, further comprising the step of the central
2 computer prompting the caller to speak to confirm that the possible communication code
3 audibly communicated to the caller is the communication code.

1 14. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of inputting a
2 communication code further comprises manually contacting at least one button on a
3 telephone.

1 15. The method in accordance with claim 14, further comprising manually contacting a
2 plurality of buttons in sequence on the telephone after prompting by the central computer.

1 16. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the step of inputting a
2 communication code further comprises projecting sound waves into a telephone.

1 17. The method in accordance with claim 16, wherein the step of projecting sound waves
2 further comprises speaking.

1 18. The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the electronic message uses Internet
2 protocol.

1 19. The method in accordance with claim 18, wherein the electronic message is an
2 instant message.
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1 20. The method in accordance with claim 18, wherein the electronic message is an email
2 message.

1 21. The method in accordance with claim 20, wherein the electronic address is a
2 webmail email address.

1 22. The method in accordance with claim 20, wherein the electronic address is a PDA
2 email address.

1 23. The method in accordance with claim 20, wherein the electronic address is a personal
2 computer email address.

1 24. The method in accordance with claim 20, wherein the electronic address is a wireless
2 telephone email address.

1 25. The method in accordance with claim 24, further comprising the step of calling back
2 a telephone number that is contained in the electronic message on the wireless telephone.

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1 26. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising the step of connecting to
2 the central computer over the Internet and modifying said at least one electronic address.

1 27. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:
2 (a) said caller leaving a recorded voice message; and
3 (b) said central computer sending a computer file containing the recorded voice
4 message to said at least one electronic address.

1 28. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising :
2 (a) said caller leaving a recorded voice message; and
3 (b) said central computer sending an electronic message to said at least one
4 electronic address notifying said intended recipient of said recorded voice
5 message.

1 29. The method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising said central computer
2 connecting said caller with said intended recipient over the telephone system.

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